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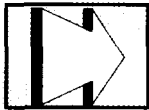
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Attached is a copy of the letter from Bill Muno to Bill Child regarding the negotiation deadline for Sauget which Paul Takacs has mentioned to you. If you would like to discuss the ramifications, feel free to call me anytime today before 2:00 or next week, at the number listed above. (As Paul may have mentioned to you, I am the U.S. EPA project manager for the Sauget sites.)



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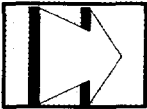
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Attached is a copy of the letter from Bill Muno to Bill Child regarding the negotiation deadline for Sauget. Upon further reflection, IEPA agreed with us that it is releasable. FYI, I also have faxed it to Mike Light this morning. Thanks for your call yesterday.



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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. William C. Child, Bureau Chief
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Land
1021 North Grand Avenue East
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Re: Negotiations at the Sauget Area 1 Proposed National Priorities List Site
Sauget, Illinois

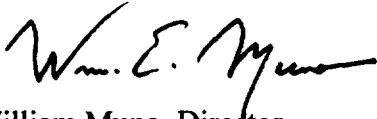
Dear Mr. Child:

I am pleased to hear that negotiations are underway for an RI/FS at the Sauget Area 1 site. I understand that a draft Scope of Work was transmitted to Solutia, Inc. (formerly Monsanto) in December 1997 and that a draft Consent Decree was expected to follow shortly, but was delayed and is now expected to go out this week. I am aware that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has been meeting with and discussing various cleanup proposals with the Monsanto Company regarding the Sauget Area 1 site since 1996 and much earlier. For example, as you are aware, in the fall of 1996 Monsanto sent IEPA a proposal to perform work at the Area 1 site and IEPA responded with a discussion of the potential content of a Consent Decree. Since that time, many proposals have gone back and forth between your agency and Monsanto.

I am hopeful that this current round of negotiation will be brought to a successful conclusion as soon as possible. I believe IEPA has made it clear to Solutia what is needed to resolve this matter. It appears, however, that Solutia is continuing to explore alternate resolutions which are not acceptable to IEPA. In light of this, it is our opinion that a negotiation deadline needs to be established to focus Solutia's attention on IEPA's settlement proposal. Additionally, negotiations have been on-going in this matter for much longer than our agreed-upon six month period for State enforcement lead sites. Therefore, this letter is to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers June 30, 1998, to be a reasonable deadline for the conclusion of negotiations with Solutia regarding the Sauget Area 1 site. If a Consent Decree is not signed by this date, U.S. EPA plans to issue its own notice to Potentially Responsible Parties for the site and open federal negotiations.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in your negotiations with Solutia.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm. E. Munro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William Munro, Director
Superfund Division